

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 675

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A RESOLUTION to honor lobbyist and former Senator Ray C. Albright on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those exemplary Tennesseans as they conclude notable careers marked by accomplishment and devotion to duty; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Ray C. Albright of Harrison, Tennessee, who will soon retire from a distinguished career which included many years in the banking industry, more than twenty-six years of service in the Tennessee General Assembly, and, most recently, a tenure in government relations; and

WHEREAS, Ray Albright began his career in the banking industry in 1970, working in various capacities for the next twenty-four years while ultimately rising to the post of Senior Vice President of Union Planters Bank of Chattanooga, a position he held from 1983 to 1994, when he retired from the bank; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of integrity and purpose, Mr. Albright first offered himself for public service in 1968, winning election to the Tennessee House of Representatives for the 86th Tennessee General Assembly and later to the State Senate in 1970; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Senate from 1970 until 1994, Senator Ray Albright served with distinction in the 87th -98th Tennessee General Assemblies, becoming a prominent figure in that august body, highly respected by both sides of the aisle; and

WHEREAS, regarded as a conscientious and dedicated legislator who won passage of a plethora of significant legislation, Senator Albright had the honor of serving as the first Chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, now the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee, and later served an illustrious tenure as the Chair of the Senate Education Committee during the passage of the landmark Education Improvement Act; and

WHEREAS, quickly establishing himself in the field of government relations, Mr. Albright has capably worked with a number of prestigious businesses and associations, including Blue Cross/Blue Shield, South Central Bell, Union Planters Bank, Tennessee Small Schools Association, Associated General Contractors, Memorial Hospital, Rural Transportation, and the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts; and

WHEREAS, through all his endeavors, Ray Albright has enjoyed the love and support of his beloved wife of fifty years, Phyllis Albright; their two devoted children, Susan Albright Curry and Chris Albright; and their three treasured grandchildren, Megan, Regan, and Paxton; and

WHEREAS, throughout Ray Albright's estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, both in the business world and here in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we honor and commend this outstanding businessman, public servant, and human being, our friend and former colleague, Senator Ray Albright; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Ray Albright our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.